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SUBJECT:R/V EASTWARD

1. R/V EASTWARD, PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED BY DUKE UNIVERSITY'S MARINE LABORATORY OF BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE WORKING OUT OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, EARLY NOVEMBER CONDUCTING GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL STUDIES IN AREA OF NORTHEASTERN STRAITS OF FLORIDA AND LITTLE BAHAMA BANK. CHIEF SCIENTIST, DR. A. CONRAD NEUMAN, OF UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, WILL UTILIZE HIGH RESOLUTION SEISMIC PROFILING (WITH AIR GUN, NO EXPLOSIVES) AND VARIOUS BOTTOM SAMPLING TECHNIQUES (CORING, DREDGING, AND PHOTOGRAPHY) TO DELINEATE GEOLOGIC STRUCTURE OF BLAKE PLATEAU AND WESTERN AND NORTHERN MARGINS OF LITTLE BAHAMA BANK. ALTHOUGH MUCH OF WORK TO BE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AT DEPTHS OF 500 TO 700 METERS, HIGHLY DESIRABLE VESSEL HAVE GCOB CLEARANCE AS SCIENTISTS DESIRE TO RUN FEW LINES WELL ONTO BANK IN VICINITY MATANILLA REEF IN ORDER TO TIE INTO EXISTING SHALLOW WATER HIGH RESOLUTION SEISMIC COVERAGE. UNCLASSIFIED

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2. R/V EASTWARD LENGHT 117 FT, DISPLACEMENT 284 TONS.
MASTER IS RAGNVALD P. SANDOY WITH CREW OF 15. DR. NEUMAN
HEADS SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL PARTY OF 15. WORK IS FUNDED BY
THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE

TO GCOB.

3. REGRET DELAY WITHIN DEPT HAS NECESSITATED ANOTHER INSTANCE OF SHORT NOTICE, HOWEVER REQUEST POST SEEK GCOB APPROVAL FOR THAT PORTION OF VESSEL'S WORK WHICH CONCERNS BAHAMIAN SHELF DURING PERIOD NOVEMBER 4 TO 15. ALTHOUGH VESSEL WILL WORK OUT OF MIAMI WITH NO BAHAMIAN CALLS PLANNED, BRIEF STOP COULD BE SCHEDULED IF PICK UP AND ACCOMODATION OF OBSERVER ESSENTIAL TO CLEARANCE. INGERSOLL

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